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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: REPORTED NEW EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN REGULATIONS

1. IN A SPECIAL REPORT, BEIRUT'S FRENCH LANGUAGE  
NEWSPAPER "L'ORIENT LE JOUR" REPORTS EGYPTIAN AND  
SYRIAN CHANGES IN THE BOYCOTT REGULATIONS WHICH SEEM  
TO PURSUE THE CONCEPT APPARENTLY FORMULATED WITH REGARD  
TO SONY ABOUT A YEAR AGO WHERE THE EMPHASIS SHIFTED  
FROM ATTEMPTING TO BAN SONY ACTIVITY IN ISRAEL COM-  
PLETELY TO ASSURING THAT SONY WOULD INVEST LARGER  
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AMOUNTS IN ARAB COUNTRIES.

2. THUS, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT IS PUTTING THE FINAL TOUCHES ON A NEW LAW UNDER WHICH FIRMS ON THE BOYCOTT LIST WILL BE ELIMINATED IF THEY INVEST TWICE AS MUCH CAPITAL IN EGYPT AS THEY INVESTED IN ISRAEL. THIS NEW APPROACH ALLEGEDLY ACCOUNTS FOR A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE EGYPTIANS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRITISH FORD MOTOR COMPANY, SUPPOSEDLY AIMED AT THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ASSEMBLY PLANT IN WHICH FORD WOULD INVEST 170 MILLION POUNDS STERLING.

3. REGARDING SYRIA, IT IS REPORTED THAT A DECREE WAS PASSED LAST TUESDAY STIPULATING THAT ANY FOREIGN COMPANY WHICH SOLD A FACTORY TO ISRAEL CAPABLE OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE LATTER'S ECONOMIC OR MILITARY EFFORT, WOULD BE PLACED AUTOMATICALLY ON THE BOYCOTT LIST. ON THE OTHER HAND, THIS SAME COMPANY WOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST IF IT CONTRIBUTED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIMILAR FACTORY IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES, EITHER USING ITS OWN CAPITAL OR WITH THE HELP OF ARAB CAPITAL.  
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